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Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time, from October 26, 2004 up to and including March 26, 2005 for the filing of an Appeal Brief in the above-identified application. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants are submitting a continuation application. A check for \$1080.00 is enclosed.

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